

NOTES

FROM MRS. AYRES' LETTER

WHO WRITES ENTERTAININGLY
CONCERNING KENTUCKIANS
AT THE NATIONAL
CAPITOL

Writing from Washington to the Courier-Journal, Mrs. Fitzhugh Ayers has the following notes which will be of interest to Kentuckians:

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Willis, of Shelbyville, and their little folks are making their temporary home in Washington at 227, North Capital street.

A recent interesting visitor to Washington has been Mrs. George Potter Wilshire, of New York City, formerly of Newport, Ky.

Miss Edmonia Robinson, of Louisville, was the guest of honor in Richmond, Va., at a handsome bridge party given by Mrs. M. A. Samuelson, of Kentucky, the latter the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gugg.

Representative Edwards, of London, Ky., and Dr. A. D. James, of Penrod, have been at their homes and in Louisville for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reid Rogers were guests at a dinner ex-Senator and Mrs. Dryden gave in honor of Speaker Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Pilsen, of Leroy Place, Washington, and little daughter, Miss Olga Pilsen, are visiting relatives in Louisville for several days.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Burch, of 1227 L street, are visiting Capt. and Mrs. K. I. Hampton, in Louisville.

Mrs. Louis E. McComas, formerly Mrs. Upton Muir, of Louisville, is at the Marlborough-Blenheim, at Atlantic City, where she will remain until after Easter.

Among the hosts and hostesses of Mr. Henry Watterson during his recent visit to Washington have been Gen. and Mrs. Draper, Vice President Fairbanks, Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Secretary and Mrs. Root, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mrs. John B. Henderson and others.

Mrs. Rhinock, of Covington, who has been spending the winter and spring in New York City, has left for an Easter outing, accompanied by her youngest daughter, Miss Laura, a pupil at Fairmount Seminary in Washington. Later Mrs. Rhinock will join her husband at the New Willard, to remain throughout the Congressional season.

Mrs. John Mason Brown, at her home at the Farrigut, gave a luncheon in compliment to Miss Jean Reid, of Louisville, one of the essentially attractive visitors to Washington. Among other affairs recently arranged in honor of Miss Reid and her relatives, Capt. and Mrs. C. C. Calhoun, whose guest she is, have been a box party, a dinner at the Willard, a luncheon at the Capitol.

Representative and Mrs. John W. Langley have been entertaining for some weeks at their home at the Burlington. Mrs. Langley's parents, ex-Congressman and Mrs. Gudger, have just left for their home in North Carolina.

Mrs. M. A. Martindale, formerly of Danville, Ky., now principal of Florence School, in Washington, attended the second annual banquet of the College Women's Club of the Capital City, at which Mrs. Fairbanks spoke and Mrs. Busbey, the brilliant wife of Speaker Cannon's secretary, was toastmistress. Mrs. Martindale is a member of the executive committee.

Mrs. Thomas H. Paynter assisted Miss Wood, sister of Representative Wood, of New Jersey, at her reception at the Normandie Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Paynter wore a handsome toilette of tapestry blue silk.

Mr. Edwin Stuart Wheeler, of Buffalo, formerly of Louisville, was in Washington this week en route to Louisville to join his infant son, who has been visiting relatives in Florida. After a stop with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dade Fitchugh, at Lexington, Mrs. Wheeler will return to Louisville for a week with Mr. and Mrs. Goldsborough Robinson, before proceeding to Buffalo.

Countless Washington friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Tandy Ellis, of Lexington, are grieving with them over the death of their beautiful little daughter and only child, Drusella. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are cordially identified with the best social interests of the Capital.

Mr. Frederick J. Haskin, the fertile correspondent of the Courier-Journal, who, together with Mr. Louis Brownlow, capably identified with the journalism of Kentucky and Tennessee, has been spending several months investigating the condition of affairs in Japan, has landed in San Francisco, en route home to his wife and infant son in Washington. Mr. Brownlow is making a sojourn in San Francisco,

after spending some time in Honolulu. These gentlemen had an interesting crossing, on their outward voyage with Ella Wheeler Wilcox and her husband.

Mrs. John F. Smiley and Mrs. Clarence Gardiner, both of Louisville, were among the guests on Wednesday evening at the marriage of Mrs. Smiley's sister, Miss Elsa Vance and Mr. Geo. C. Devol, of New Albany and Louisville. Mrs. Devol, formerly of Louisville, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. H. Vance, and a very attractive young woman. Mr. Devol is connected with the L. & N. railroad in Louisville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Devol, of New Albany. He was attended by his brother, Mr. Horatio C. Devol, of New Albany. The happy couple after an Eastern bridal trip will reside at Crescent Hill.

Other Kentuckians recently here have been Miss Calhoun, of Owensboro; R. S. McKeller, D. M. Goodwyn, A. R. Smith, F. C. Nunemacher, all of Louisville, at the Willard; R. R. Perry, B. R. Jouett, Winchester; ex-Congressman South Trimble, of Frankfort, at his old quarters at the Riggs; Doyle Colson, of Middlesboro, and Mr. Applegate, of Owensboro.

REPORT

OF STATE INSPECTOR.

GOV. WILSON BLAMES DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION FOR
CONDITION OF TREASURY.

Gov. Willson Wednesday night gave out a statement of the condition of the State's finances, in which the responsibility for the scarcity of money just at this time is placed upon the last Democratic administration. His statement is as follows:

The report of the State Inspector and Examiner, Mr. M. H. Thatcher, for the month of March, upon the monthly examination and comparison required by law of the books and accounts of the treasurer and auditor of public accounts, shows that while the Republican administration has not made any appropriation, nor had any expense except that provided for under the laws enacted during the Democratic administration, there was a sinking fund of March 31st, only \$125,808.67; that the deficit in the school fund was \$56,167.11; that the balance of the general expense fund one the 31st day of March, 1908, is \$13,991.25.

That the balance to the credit of the sinking fund at the close of business on March 31, 1908

of	\$125,808 67
Less the deficit in the school fund of	56,167 11

Left the balance to the credit of the sinking fund of

of	\$ 69,641 56
Add to this the balance in the general expense fund	13,991 25

Left the total balance in the treasurer on the same date

of	\$ 83,632 81
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The balance on deposit in the various banks was

of	149,837 03
Against which unpaid checks were out amounting to	66,204 22

Leaving the available balance, less the outstanding checks

of	\$83,632 81
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And that there were outstanding warrants at the close of business on March 31, 1908, of \$34,830.07.

It is in this condition that the treasury was left by the Democratic administration, and it was in this condition that the Democratic General Assembly made new appropriations of about \$1,400,000 without any provision or expectation of money to pay them with.

NEW POSITION

Polk Laffoon Appointed Secretary and Treasurer of Street Railway Company.

Mr. Polk Laffoon, who, for the past eight years has been making Frankfort his home, where he was employed as a clerk in the State Treasurer's and Auditor's offices, left Tuesday for Covington, where he will take up his new home, having been recently appointed to the position of Secretary and Treasurer of The Covington and Cincinnati Street Railway, with headquarters in Covington.

Mr. Laffoon is a young man, but has been active in Democratic politics in western Kentucky for years. He comes of a prominent Kentucky family, being a son of the late Polk Laffoon, for two terms Congressman from the Second district, and is a cousin of Ruby Laffoon, late Democratic candidate for State Treasurer. Mr. Laffoon's new position is one of importance and carries with it a handsome salary.

CAMP

AT FORT HARRISON.

THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS TO
TAKE PART IN THE MANEUVERS.

VERS.

It is announced that the Department in Washington has arranged an exhibition of military maneuvers to be witnessed in this country at the place at Fort Benjamin Harrison, September.

Now that Congress has practically assured an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the camps of instruction, arrangements are being pushed for the mobilization of regulars and militiamen at the Indianapolis post. It is proposed to make the camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison an object lesson of what can be accomplished by these annual maneuvers.

One State—Ohio—will send 4,900 militiamen to the Indianapolis camp, and other States are forwarding reports that are equally encouraging. Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver, Assistant Secretary of War, will visit the camp and review the troops. The camp will be in command of Gen. W. H. Carter, the present commander of the Department of the Lakes. The report that Gen. Fred Grant will be in charge of the camp proves to be an error. While Gen. Grant is booked to succeed Gen. Carter, as commander of the Department of the Lakes he will not be transferred to that department until immediately after the maneuvers are held. Gen. Grant will be in charge of the camp of instruction at Pine Plains, N. Y., and when that is over he will relieve Gen. Carter as the commanding General of the Department of the Lakes.

States to Send Troops.

It is announced at the War Department that the various States that are to send troops to Indianapolis will be represented as follows:

Indiana—Three regiments of infantry, comprising 2,000 men; one company of hospital corps and one company of signal corps.

West Virginia—Two regiments of infantry, 1,000 men.

Ohio—Eight regiments of infantry, two troops of cavalry, two companies of signal corps, two companies of hospital corps, one battalion of engineers; total, 4,800 men.

Kentucky—One regiment of infantry, 800 men.

Illinois—Three regiments of infantry, 2,300 men.

Michigan—Three regiments of infantry, 1,600 men; signal corps and hospital corps.

Wisconsin—One regiment of infantry, 700 men.

The regulars that will participate in the joint camp will be the twelve companies of the Tenth Infantry, stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison; two battalions of infantry, to be chosen from other posts; a squadron of cavalry from Ft. Sheridan and a battalion of field artillery from Ft. Sheridan. The announcement that Michigan will be well represented at the joint camp is in the nature of an agreeable surprise. For some time the fear has been expressed that Michigan would not "play ball." The Michigan militiamen who attended the last camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison did a tall job of "knocking" when they returned home. They assured the Michigan State authorities that Ft. Benjamin Harrison is one of the worst places in the world for a camp; that the reservation is subject to overflow, and that the soldiers were obliged to wade around in water and mud. On a basis of these and other allegations Adj. Gen. McGurkin, of Michigan, undertook to have the camp of instruction changed from Ft. Benjamin Harrison to Ludington, Mich., but after that the War Department found that Ft. Benjamin Harrison is superior in every way to the proposed site at Ludington.

AFFIRMED

The Life Sentence Of Jas. Kennedy For Killing Milton Estes.

The Court of Appeals, Judge Hobson writing, affirmed the life sentence of James Kennedy for shooting and killing Milton Estes in Lincoln county. Kennedy belongs to a noted family of fighters, as he now has one brother in the penitentiary, another whose sentence of twenty-one years has been affirmed and another brother who has a petition now pending before the Court of Appeals for a rehearing, as he has been sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years.

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APPEAL

CASE TO SUPREME COURT.

KENTUCKY COAL LANDS SUIT
WHICH INVOLVES PROPERTY
WORTH THOUSANDS OF
DOLLARS.

The bill of errors of the Court of Appeals in the case of the Eastern Kentucky Coal lands Corporation against the Commonwealth of Kentucky has been almost completed in the preparation of the company to take the case to the Supreme Court of the United States. The dissenting opinion of Judge Hobson is taken by the company as the law in the case and will be the main point in the argument of the company's attorneys before the Supreme Court. Gen. William J. Hendrick has been in this city for several days preparing the writ of errors, and left last night after advancing the case as far as he can at this time. It is likely that the case will be appealed in a few weeks, and the company hopes to get a decision from the Supreme Court in less than a year.

This is one of the most important cases in Kentucky litigation today, for the decision of the Supreme Court will mean thousands of dollars to the company or the Commonwealth. Gen. Hendrick said that when the case was finally decided millions of dollars would be brought into the eastern part of the State for the development of the rich coal and timber properties, and in less than ten years that entire mountainous section of the State will become one vast network of railroads.

The three points made by Judge Hobson in his dissenting opinion are: First, that the law on which the majority of the members of the court based their opinion is an ex post facto law. Two, that it is double taxation. Three, that it denies the equal protection of the law guaranteed under the Federal Constitution.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Frankfort Postoffice for the week ending April 18.

Reese, Miss Lallie.
Allen, Mildred.
Anderson, Mrs. Mattie.
Armstrong, Miss Birdie.
Bishop, David Henry.
Bottonne, N. L.
Brown, Hon. Nelson B.
Corbett, Mrs. Helen.
Denny, Mrs. Ellen.
Eogen, Richard.
Ethington, Ike.
Ellison, Henry.
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McDonald, Mrs. E. S.
McGinity, John W.
Payne, Chas.
Pierce, Ernest.
Raisor, Simpson.
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